

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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TUBULAR ORGANS

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 16, 2010, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows.